

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/6/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-32 and 43-52.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 20061018
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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Reasons for Allowance

1. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

2. Claims 1-32, 43-52 are allowable. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: O'Flaherty does not disclose a transaction is conducted either automatically or manually, and a registered vendor involved in the transaction has communications thorough the PSN to complete the transaction but without ever gaining access to the personal data of the subscriber, thereby preserving the privacy of the subscriber throughout the transaction.

O'Flaherty discloses customers(i.e. subscribers) has an assigned set of rows and/or columns where privacy preferences can be entered from a remote location by the customer. The entity maintaining the centralized database continues to add transaction information that define the customers' buying patterns. The information in the centralized customer database can then be sold to telemarketers, direct mail merchants by the maintaining entity, in accordance with the preferences, entered by the customer. The centralized system of O'Flaherty is directly contrary to the claims which remains under the control of the subscriber.

3. O'Flaherty discloses the customer is provided with a loyalty card, or the like, on which the customer's current privacy preferences, as recorded in the lines and columns of the centralized database are stored. However, there is no way by which the customer can change the preferences on the loyalty card except by interactively engaging the card with a kiosk or other

terminal that is in communication with the centralized database. The customer in the O'Flaherty system cannot read her preferences from the card without a terminal monitor that is in communication with the centralized database. O'Flaherty does not disclose or suggest the pad which the user enters and maintains own privacy profile. O'Flaherty does not suggest or disclose giving the autonomy of maintaining a subscriber profile with a privacy service provider.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JENISE E. JACKSON whose telephone number is (571)272-3791. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th (6:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.) alternate Friday's.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine Kincaid can be reached on (571) 272-4063. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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